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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 152-153 as follows:

Three different targets in the HIV genome were chosen as test targets for
Antisense: (A) the 5' common leader, (B) the coding sequence for Tat/Rev and
(C) the splice acceptor site for Tat/Rev. Antisense to (a) was derived from a
paper by Joshi et al. (1991 J. Virol. 65, 55345524); Antisense to (B) was taken
from Sczakiel et al., (1990 Biochem Biophys Res Comm 169, 213) and the
Antisense to (C) was designed by us. The sequences of the oligo's and their
locations in the HIV genome are given in Figure 30. Each oligo was designed
such that annealing of a pair of oligo's gives a double-stranded molecule with
"sticky ends" that ware compatible with a Bam H1 site. The oligo's were also
designed such that after insertion into a Bam H1 site, only one end of the
molecule would regenerate the Bam H1 site, thus orientation of the molecule
could easily be ascertained. The resultant clones were termed pTS-A, pTS-B,
and pTS-C for the anti-HIV sequences A, B and C respectively.